

Thirdly, Where the party in possession, is in by Right, and of a lawfull State; and whereby wrong. And therefore if the Diffeisor (or other person) that cometh in by a wrongful and unlawful title) hath continued such his possession peaceably by the space of three years, without interruption. It seemeth he shall not be aided by either of these Statutes of 8 H. 6. or 31 Eliz.

For if a Diffeisor hath continued his possession forcibly by the space of twenty years together, yet he may be indicted upon the Statute of 8 H. 6. before a Justice of Peace, of the Forcible detaining of the same; and the same being found, the said Justice of Peace is to release the same, and to award Restitution to the party dispossessed, or so put out.

Fourthly, Where the party hath continued such his possession three years without interruption, and where his possession hath been interrupted or discontinued.

For if a Man hath been in peaceable possession of Land, &c. by the space of three years, and above, by a good title, and then is dispossessed and expelled by force, and the Dispossessor re-entreteth peaceably; or the Diffeisor is therefore indicted upon the Statute of 8 H. 6. and the Dispossessor is thereupon restored, and is in possession accordingly; yet in these cases the Dispossessor cannot justify the Detainer of the possession of those Lands by force, because his possession was once interrupted: But after, (such interruption and re-entry, or restitution) if he shall continue a peaceable possession again, for three years together, then it seemeth he may justify the Detainer of the possession thereof by force, by virtue of the Proviso in the Statute of 8 H. 6.

If a Diffeisor hath continued his possession peaceably three years, and after the Dispossessor doth re-enter, or doth make his Claim so near as he daeth, and then the Diffeisor re-enters again, or continueth his possession (after such Claim); here the Diffeisor cannot justify to hold the same with force; for by the re-entry, or claim of the Dispossessor, the first Dispossession of the Diffeisor was determined, and the Diffeisor is in of a new Dispossession.

Also, if he that hath been a lawful possessor of Lands by the space of twenty years together, be once clearly and wholly removed from the possession of the same Land, he cannot come with force, or multitude, to put himself in possession thereof again, and to detain the same with force, because his possession was not interrupted: And if he be indicted upon the Statute of 8 H. 6.; for such Forcible Entry, he shall not be relieved (touching the Restitution) by the Statute of 31 Eliz. for that he had not the occupation of the said Lands, nor had been in quiet possession thereof by the space of three years together, next before the day of such Indictment found.

How many general Remedies the Party hath, which forcibly and actually is (either) put out, or kept out of the Possession of his Houses or Lands, &c. contrary to these Statutes. C H A P. CXXIX. V. 80.

*1. Action
upon the
Statute of
H. 6.*

First, The party so grieved (having an Estate for Life, in Tail, or Fee) may have his Action, or Action of Trespass of Forcible Entry upon the Statute of 8 H. 6. against such Diffeisor; and thereto if the Defendant be accused of Force, he shall fine to the King, and also answer to the Plaintiff his treble damages, and treble costs of Suits; and also the Plaintiff shall